

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 1 cancels claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 17, and 18, and leaves claims 4-6, 9-16, 19-23 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1, 4-6, 9-16 and 19-23.

Interview Summary

Applicants thank the Examiner for providing recommendations regarding proposed amendments to claims 1, 6 and 16 in the Interview Summary mailed on February 8, 2007, and for attempting to contact Applicants to conduct an interview. However, it should be noted for clarification of the record that no interview was conducted. Nonetheless, Applicants have considered the Examiner's recommendations, and have amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations.

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35 U.S.C. §101 Rejections

Claims 1-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. As indicated above, claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 17, and 18 were canceled. Therefore, this rejection regarding claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 17, and 18 is rendered moot. Regarding the remaining claims 1, 4-6, 9-16, and 19-23, this rejection is traversed for the following reasons. Applicants submit that claims 1, 4-6, 9-16, and 19-23, as now more clearly recited, are directed to statutory subject matter. More specifically, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the features of claims 2 and 3, amended claim 6 to include the features of claims 7 and 8, amended claim 16, to include the features of claims 17 and 18, and have further amended claims 1 and 16 to included the "sending" feature of claim 6, as proposed by the Examiner in the